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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. SCHMIDT ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS

IN A PRESS INTERVIEW YESTERDAY, FRG FINANCE MINISTER SCHMIDT SAID THAT WHILE THE WAY THE USG INITIATED THE YEAR OF EUROPE WAS NOT TOO HAPPY, MUCH LESS HAPPY IS THE FACT THAT THE EC HAS NOT YET FOUND A COMMON ANSWER. HE TOOK POTSHOTS AT THE LACK OF ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS ON THE US-USSR NUCLEAR WAR PREVENTION AGREEMENT AND AT THE CONTRADICTIONS IN WASHINGTON'S IDEAS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF EUROPE, CITING OPPOSING TRENDS IN US MONETARY, TRADE, AND SECURITY POLICY. SCHMIDT ALSO TOOK ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH FRENCH HINDRANCE OF A EUROPEAN SECURITY POLICY AND INDIRECTLY WITH FRENCH OBSTRUCTION OF A COMMON FOREIGN POLICY, ESPECIALLY IN RESPONSE TO THE US INITIATIVE. (UNCLASSIFIED) BONN 12009, 8/22.

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2. QUAI CONCERNED ABOUT GVN ECONOMIC SITUATION

THE QUAI ASIAN DIRECTOR SEES LITTLE RECENT CHANGE IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, WITH ONLY LAOS ON THE RIGHT ROAD TOWARD A WORKABLE SETTLEMENT, EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS

AFTER A REVIEW OF THE INDOCHINA SITUATION WITH THE FRENCH OFFICIAL. IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATIONS SEEM FIRMLY UNDER CONTROL NOW. BUT RECENT INFLATION AND THE FAILURE OF ECONOMIC REFORM MEASURES LIKE THE VALUE ADDED TAX ARE INDICATORS OF DEEPER ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE US-INDUCED CONSUMER ECONOMY OF THE INORDINATELY LARGE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY APPARATUS, WHICH THE GVN MUST NOW SUPPORT FROM THE ECONOMY'S AGRICULTURAL BASE. EVEN IF THE US PROVIDES THE AMOUNT OF AID NECESSARY, THE OFFICIAL QUESTIONED WHETHER IT COULD ACCORD WITH GVN PEACETIME REQUIREMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 22479, 8/22.

3. EBAN URGES US SUPPORT AT ROME ICAO MEETING

DURING AMBASSADOR KEATING'S INITIAL CALL AUGUST 21, ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE US AT THE ROME ICAO MEETING TO AVOID ANY SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL'S CIVIL AVIATION. EBAN SUGGESTED THE US CONSIDER APPROACHING THE UK, CANADA, AND THE NETHERLANDS TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT. KEATING REITERATED ASSURANCES OF OUR SUPPORT PREVIOUSLY GIVEN IN WASHINGTON. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT EBAN'S AVOIDANCE OF ANY MENTION OF US VOTES IN THE UN AND AT ICAO CONDEMNING THE AUGUST 10 INCIDENT APPEARS AGAIN TO REVEAL A SOPHISTICATED APPROACH RECONCILED TO ANOTHER POSSIBLE US VOTE FOR CONDEMNATORY "RHETORIC" IN ROME. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 6619, 8/22. ROGERS

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